

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 379 – HB 397

March 9, 2011

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004426):** Deletes the original bill. Requires the county initially transporting an individual to a hospital or treatment resource for a mental health screening, evaluation, diagnosis, or hospitalization to be responsible for the remainder of such person's transportation requirements. Transportation requirements continue even if the person is assessed, diagnosed, screened, or evaluated in a second county before being admitted to a facility, hospital, or treatment resource in a third county. Authorizes a secondary transporting county to bill the initial transporting county for transportation costs.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Currently, the sheriff or transportation agent of a county in which a person is initially detained is responsible for transporting the person for assessment, evaluation, diagnosis, or hospitalization. The initial transporting county may bill the person's county of residence for the transporting costs.
- The initial transporting county will remain responsible for all transportation of the person. The actual costs incurred for transporting will not significantly change.
- The costs incurred by secondary transporting counties will be reimbursed by the initial transporting county. The county of residence will no longer be responsible for the costs of the initial transporting county.
- The bill as amended will shift the costs incurred from the county of residence and any secondary transporting county to the initial transporting county but will not result in a significant increase in actual transportation costs.

- The net fiscal impact to local government is not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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